

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 01, 2004

*Higher Education Complex
2500 Broadway
Helena, MT 59601
Room 142*

CALL TO ORDER

The Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council was called to order by CSPAC Chair, Gloria Curdy, on Thursday, July 01, 2004, at 8:30 A.M. CSPAC council members present were: Gloria Curdy, Chair; Scott McCulloch, Vice Chair; Melodee Smith-Burreson; George White; Charla Bunker; Douglas Reisig and Dan Villa. Staff members present were: Steve Meloy, Executive Secretary of the Board of Public Education; Peter Donovan, Administrative Officer for CSPAC and Jennifer Marsicano, CSPAC Council Secretary. The following people signed the meeting roster: Margaret Bowles, OPI; Cathy Warkank, OPI, Kris Goss, Governors Office, Linda Peterson, OPI.

Ms. Curdy, chair, called the meeting to order. Ms. Curdy stated that there were some corrections that needed to be made to the minutes. These changes were made.

Motion: Doug Reisig made a motion to approve the March 10-11, 2003 CSPAC meeting minutes. Dan Villa seconded this motion. It was unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Curdy asked for the council to review the CSPAC Committee & Responsibility List and wanted to know if there were any changes, additions or deletions in the areas of these committees. Mr. Scott McCulloch stated that under the Professional Ethics Committee, the Hearing procedure should be deleted. Reisig stated that under the Licensure and Endorsement Committee, Paraprofessional should be added to the Committee. .

Ms. Curdy stated the council have been doing well on focusing on the goal the last past year, Ms. Curdy requested the council to review the goal for 2004. Mr. Scott McCulloch stated that he would like to renew the current goal, To Study and Understand the Elements of ESEA that Affect Certification Standards and Practices. From that Investigative Process, CSPAC will Formulate Analyses and Recommendations for Actions on Certification Issues, Such as: 1. Education Professionalism 2. Alternate Certification Avenues 3. Monitoring Programs and Potential Opportunities 4. Retention/Recruitment/Preparation of Education Personnel.

Motion: Gloria Curdy made a motion to accept the 2003 goal as the 2004 goal. Charla Bunker seconded this motion. It was unanimously approved.

Ms. Curdy stated that the 2004-2005 calendar for the CSPAC meetings needed to be set. These are the following dates, September 16,17 2004 in Billings; January 20, 2005 in Helena; March 09,10, 2005 a joint meeting with the Board of Public Education in Helena (Pending on the meeting date of Board of Public education); July 7,8 2005, in Helena.

Mr. Peter Donovan stated the council needed nominations to serve a one-year term for Chair and Vice Chair.

Motion: George White made a motion for Gloria Curdy to continue as Chair on the CSPAC council. Melodee Smith-Burreson seconded this motion. It was unanimously approved.

Motion: George White made a motion for Schott McCulloch to continue as Vice Chair on the CSPAC council. Dan Villa seconded this motion. It was unanimously approved.

ITEM 2 CHAIR'S REPORT

Peter Donovan stated that Dan Villa and Doug Reisig reapplied and were reappointed to the council. The Board of Public Education unanimous approved their reappointment.

ITEM 3 BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORT

Mr. Steve Meloy stated that the P-20 Committee have an alignment task force committee that is made up of the educational committee, a policy audit is going to identify which policy and rules are in print. They formed a task force to examine the dual credit issue, advance placement, dual credit offerings, 3 or 4 different options that allow high school kids get credit for college courses.

Mr. Meloy stated that there is a sub committee of the Renewal Commission called the MAPS Committee, which is taxation of revenue issues and this committee is looking at a way of spreading the wealth to all counties. This committee is working on three areas, which are, the statewide equalization, regilinations committee a more regionalized way to deliver services to school districts and the barriers of consolidation.

The Renewal Commission consists of the following members: Core Legislative Members: Doug Mood, Bob Keenan, Holly Raser; Don Ryan; Non-Legislative Core Members: Linda McCulloch, Kirk Miller, Lieutenant Governor Karl Ohs; Public and State Agency Members: Keith Allen, Cathy Day, Eric Engellant, Steve J Johnson, Eric Feaver, John Fitzpatrick, Steve Gibson Carol Juneau, Ron Laferriere, Time Lund John, McNeil, Carmen McSpadden, Doctor Bruce Messinger, Mike Nicosia, Darrell Rud, Scott Seilstad, Jules Waber; At Large Members: Lorri Coulter, Carter Christiansen, Robert Murray, Pat Wagman; Staff Members: Suzan Hopkins, Kris Goss.

Mr. Meloy discussed the CSPAC budget stating that the budget has been in the red for about the last year and half .98% Expended by 92% elapsed time, so this means the CSPAC budget is over

by 6% and this was as of May. Mr. Meloy stated \$26,000 was transferred from the re-search fund to CSPAC. The re-search fund will be replenished again July 1 2004.

ITEM 4 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Donovan presented his list of meetings he attended from February 2004 to July 2004. Mr. Donovan attended the NASDTEC conference in Orlando Florida along with George White, Kathy Warhank, Linda Peterson and Patty Myers.

Mr. Donovan stated that the Montana Teacher will be held October 1, 2004. The theme is building an education team, the keynote speaker is Barbara Kelley, which she has dedicated her life to improve teaching and learning in America's schools. Mr. Donovan stated that this conference used to be called Montana Teacher forum but is now changed to Educator Forum. Mr. Donovan stated that if any of the council members would like to attend this conference CSPAC would be able to reimburse the council members.

Motion: Mr. Doug Reisig made a motion for CSPAC to send members of the council to the Montana Teacher Forum and provide the expenses related to this attendance at the meetings. Melodee Smith-Burreson seconded this motion. It was unanimously approved.

ITEM 5 MONTANA COMMISSION ON TEACHING COMMITTEE

Ms. Melodee Smith-Burreson presented on the NCTAF partnership Symposium on July 11, 2004, Ms. Smith-Burreson and Pete Donovan will be attending this conference. There will be three work sessions that are focusing on transforming schools into professional learning communities, creating professional rewarding career path for mentored induction through accomplish teaching, and High teacher Preparation Programs.

ITEM 6 LICENSURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Donovan presented on Tiered Licensure and Mr. Donovan stated that he wrote a report several years ago, and at that time there still were quite a few of states that were looking at these models. More and more states are looking at provisional level license this is a mechanism for if someone has not met some of the state requirements that is a way for them to get into the profession. They have to meet some minimum standards. This is an issue that has been battled around by this council, there was a three-tiered licensure proposal and nothing happened with this. Mr. Donovan stated that one of the common ellimates between the states that are participating is mentoring process and professional development portfolio that is required for advancement from one level to the next. Often an evaluation element at the school district level and the professional development portfolio are advanced at the state level.

Ms. Curdy stated that the draft of 2000 was written after the council looked in dept at the New Mexico model and met with the New Mexico department of education representative at the Western states conference and talked about the model. This draft was deferred to Chapter 57.

Mr. McCulloch stated on Tiered Licensure that the council needed to talk about what issues what does it address for us as a state and will it improve the quality of education the we will deliver” Will it improve our attractiveness as a profession in the State of Montana to those individuals entering college? Will it provide the notion that there will be a carrier ladder for someone who would like to advance?

Ms. Margaret Bowles gave an update on Vocational Education & Proposed language changes. Ms. Bowles stated there were several additions and errors that were changed. Ms. Bowles stated the language did not match today’s education system, especially for the class two.

Ms. Bowles stated the old version of Chapter 57 stated that all states were on a quarter system, which some states are on the semester system. Ms. Bowls stated these changes are “clean up” and clarification for the educators and these changes will be presented to the Board of Public Education in July and if they accept these changes then it will not be approved till October 2004.

ITEM 7 PROFESSIONAL ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT

No Report

ITEM 8 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Linda Peterson presented on Renewal Requirements language clean up. Ms Peterson stated that this was major clean up of Chapter 57. Ms. Peterson stated that most of the endorsements were limited and the endorsements were antiquated and the ones that are similar and the endorsements that are the same, under one endorsement code and then broaden some of the endorsements.

Motion: Dan Villa made a motion to support OPI in its efforts to “clean up” vocational and Technical educational involvement languages with Board of Public Education. This was seconded by Scott McCulloch. This was unanimously approved.

ITEM 9 PRE-PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Ms. Linda Peterson presented on Teacher Testing Pilot Study. Every candidate that will student teach in the fall took a context exam, Ms. Peterson stated that of of 503 candidates that took these test, 70 candidates scores did not show up. Ms. Peterson stated that she did not know if they found these or why this happened. August 17, there is a meeting of the pilot study testing committee passport to study the results.

Ms. Linda Peterson gave an update on NCATE

NCATE update – Dr. Linda Peterson
Indian Education Summit – George White
PEPPS Revision of Chapter 57 – George White

Dean's Council Report – George White
Report on NASDTEC Conference – George White

ITEM 10 RESEARCH PROJECTS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT – Dan Villa
“Who Will Teach Montana’s Children” Sherlock decision – Pete Donovan
Report on Professional Standards Board models – Pete Donovan

ITEM 11 PLAN FOR FUTURE CONFERENCES

Ms. Curdy stated that the Western States Certification Conference was coming up in January 2005 in Santa Fe. Ms.

Motion: Ms. Charla Bunker made a motion to send three council members to the Western States Certification Conference. Melodee Smith-Burreson seconded this motion. This was unanimously approved.

ITEM 12 GENERAL INFORMATION

Mr. Donovan provided an article discussing the professor exposing online diploma mills. A diploma mill is an organization, which will give what looks like an academic degree with little or no work involved. The professor found someone could buy a diploma for a second doctorate degree from a company for a couple thousand dollars. They would also provide letters of recommendation and a transcript. Most of the organizations that sell diplomas through Web sites are unaccredited. More information will be available at www.osac.state.or.us/oda.

ITEM 13 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Potential ideas for research and study topics for the research committee.
Recommendation and policies for Testing.
Internship Program.
Re-examine committee assignments.
NCTAF conference in Orlando Florida July 11-13
Paraprofessional Certification
Tiered Licensure
Mentoring for Seminar Western Institute August 9,10
Montana Education Forum Update
Recommendations of policy
Research Ideas for projects ideas and
Internship Program

ITEM 14 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF CSPAC

There were no public comments.

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